



SALEM'S D.A.R.E. PROGRAM PICKS UP CORPORATE DONATION

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Salem Police Chief, James R. Bryant, recently accepted a donation on behalf of the department's successful D.A.R.E. program. Missy Millner, President of *The Riverwalk at Salem* community, presented the check to Bryant as a way of showing that her company is serious about being a good neighbor for the city.

"We just feel like it's very important to work with the City of Salem in terms of giving back to the community," says Millner. "We look forward to working with the Salem Police Department and the D.A.R.E. program. The Chief and I both agree that this is an exceptional program."

Salem was one of the original thirteen jurisdictions included in Virginia's Drug Abuse Resistance Education - D.A.R.E. efforts, and this past summer, 205 rising 7th graders from Andrew Lewis Middle School took part in the eight summer sessions of Salem Camp D.A.R.E. at Camp Bethel in Botetourt County.

"This is great for us because this donation will allow us to purchase items that will positively benefit the youth of Salem," says Salem Police Chief James R. Bryant. "I appreciate *The Riverwalk* making this good faith effort."

The Riverwalk at Salem has invested more than \$4 million dollars into upgrading the 276 unit apartment complex since purchasing it in October of 2008. Vinyl siding has been added to every building, new windows have been installed in each unit and over 5000 new plants and trees have been added to the property. By the end of May, work on the stairwells, the exterior lighting and the new fitness and community center will be finished.

"What we're really trying to do is give our residents a place they can be very proud to call home," says Millner.

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